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CITIZENS ELECTRIC CORPORATION SEEKS RATE INCREASE

Jefferson City (November 21, 2001)---Citizens Electric Corporation (Citizens) has filed a \$6.5 million electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission. Citizens seeks an interim rate increase, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2002, which would be subject to refund. The interim increase, if approved, would stay in effect until the Commission decides the permanent rate request.

Citizens states the rate increase is necessary due to the increased costs of energy on the wholesale market. Citizens states that it was unable to secure a power supply contract that was at the same or similar prices as its current wholesale contract. According to the Company, the costs for power under the new power supply contract with Ameren Energy Marketing Company is 15% higher than under Citizens' current wholesale power contract. Citizens states that it cannot pass these increased costs on to their retail customers except through the filing of a general rate increase case. Citizens Electric Corporation states the new power supply contract goes into effect on January 1, 2002. Therefore, the Company states, it cannot afford to wait the entire 11 month Commission review period before the proposed rates take effect.

According to Citizens, a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month pays \$73.89 for that amount of electricity. Under the Citizens proposal, that rate would increase to \$85.80 a month, an increase of approximately 16.1% above current rates.

Applications to intervene and participate in this rate case must be filed on or before November 26, 2001, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Victor S. Scott, Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Baumhoer, 301 East McCarty Street, P.O. Box 1438, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

Citizens Electric Corporation serves approximately 24,330 electric customers in the Missouri counties of Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Cape Girardeau and Perry.

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